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**RESOLUTION 20-306 WILL ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENTS
IN WINDWARD O'AHU**

Councilmember Alan Kekoa Texeira, of District 3, is urging the City Administration take the necessary steps to acquire the public access easements to a specific shoreline area and space, slated to become the first dedicated dog park in Windward O'ahu.

[Resolution 20-306](#) (2020), introduced last week by Councilmember Texeira, was unanimously approved this afternoon by the Council's Executive Matters and Legal Affairs Committee. This measure calls for acquiring the public shoreline access corridor and planned Bayview Dog Park area, which was initially developed in the early 2000s in the area adjacent to the Kāne'ohe Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"The City Administration and area residents have expressed concerns for years about restricting public access to sites, in close proximity, to the park," said Councilmember Texeira. "This was a condition required by the City when it approved the Bayview Golf Course's expansion project back in the 90's and I've tried to work with the landowners to rectify the issue. But now, it's time we finally act to fulfill the promises to the community."

Due to its long history and prior conditions, given to the Bayview Golf Course landowners, Resolution 20-306 also states that the City submit to the Council a resolution authorizing the Corporation Counsel to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire the public access easements if the City cannot purchase them at a fair price from the landowners.

According to Councilmember Texeira, all prior efforts to negotiate an agreement have failed and therefore, the most appropriate action would be for the City to return its focus on securing public access via condemnation.

"My priority is to ensure public access easements are available in perpetuity for the public's use. It's important that we do as we promised and our residents deserve public access to our āina," said Councilmember Texeira.

Resolution 20-306 is expected to go before the full Council at the next City Council Meeting, scheduled for December 9, 2020, at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information on this measure or the Honolulu City Council, please go to the following sites: <http://www.honolulu.citycouncil.com> or <http://www.honolulu.gov/council>

Councilmember Texeira represents the residents of City Council District 3 - Windward O'ahu, which includes Ahuimanu, He'eia, Haiku, Kāne'ohe, Maunawili, Kailua, Olomana, Enchanted Lake, and Waimānalo.

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